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Letter dated 24 January 2000 from the Permanent Representative of Pakistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to enclose a letter addressed to you by Mr. Abdul Sattar, the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, concerning the premeditated attack launched by Indian forces against a Pakistani post in the Chamb sector on the Pakistan side of the line of control in the early hours of 22 January 2000 (see annex).

I have the honour to request that the present letter and its annex be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 10, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Inam-ul HAQUE
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

ANNEX

Letter dated 24 January 2000 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Pakistan addressed to the Secretary-General

I am writing to you to share my deep concern over the deteriorating security situation in our region. Its latest manifestation is the escalation of serious violations along the line of control by India.

The Indian forces launched a premeditated attack against a small Pakistani post in the Chamb sector on the Pakistan side of the line of control in the early hours of 22 January. It was a company strength attack with mortars and recoilless refile bunker-busting fire. The Indian attack resulted in the death of two Pakistani soldiers while five are still missing. Heavy intermittent firing has continued there. Elsewhere along the line of control, incidents have also increased in number and intensity.

Pakistan has already lodged a complaint with the United Nations Military Observer Group in India and Pakistan (UNMOGIP). In view of the increasingly dangerous situation, we seek your intercession and suggest that you consider dispatching a personal envoy to the region to urge India to desist from provocative acts, which could lead to further escalation and serious consequences.

I wish to assure you that Pakistan will extend its fullest cooperation to the United Nations and to your personal envoy with a view to the improvement of the security environment and the preservation of peace and stability in the region.

(Signed) Abdul SATTAR
Minister for Foreign Affairs
of Pakistan

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